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TO: Chief School Administrators
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SUBJECT: Dating Violence Model Policy and Educational Resources

On May 4, 2011, Governor Christie signed into law P.L. 2011, Chapter 64, which mandates measures to be taken to ensure the safety and education of kindergarten through grade 12 students in regards to dating violence at school. The legislation (N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.23a, 18A:37-33 et al.) requires each school district and charter school to adopt or develop a dating violence policy as well as incorporate dating violence education that is age appropriate into their school's health curriculum for grades 7-12.

Attached for your information and use is the Model Policy and Guidance for addressing acts or incidents of Dating Violence at school. The model policy also contains a list of educational and community resources which will also be posted on the New Jersey Department of Education website.

If you have any questions regarding the policy or educational resources, please contact Brendan O'Reilly, Coordinator of Comprehensive Health and Physical Education, Office of Academic Standards at Brendan.oreilly@doe.state.nj.us

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